

Phase Approach



The Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) is utilizing a phased approach to transition between phases based upon changing conditions regarding the risk of COVID-19 transmission in the Community. Changes will be determined by the Tribal Health Department based on bi-weekly data reports and reviewed by the COVID-19 Taskforce and Leadership. Benchmarks are identified in the Tribal Health Department's COVID-19 Guidance for GRIC Departments, Entities, and Organizations. For data on Community Cases, review GRIC's Emergency Operations Center site at <https://www.gric-eoc.org/> for case rates and guidance document.

Current Status as of August 17, 2022:

The Gila River Indian Community is now in
Phase II

- The adoption and implementation of this guidance should be in collaboration with the organizations leadership and in compliance with its regulatory agency. GRIC Entities and Organizations should review their plan and relay their current workforce plans and needs to their employees.
- The Community continues to have steady increases in COVID-19 positive case rates causing the Community to remain in Phase II of the COVID-19 Phase approach. Under Phase II the outlined mitigation efforts should be followed by GRIC Entities and Organizations:
 - Gatherings and events open with health safety measures in place for gatherings and according to Comprehensive Executive Order No. 14.
 - Mandatory COVID-19 Surveillance Testing every 2 weeks for unvaccinated employees and employees not Up to Date with their COVID-19 vaccinations.
 - Travel restrictions in place for unvaccinated and not Up to Date individuals or in accordance with Executive Order and Work place policies and protocols.
 - No closures however congregate settings should limit in-person visitations as much as possible.
 - 100% of Tribal Government Department's workforce will remain on site until further notice.
 - Other mitigation efforts should be followed which can be found here under Phase Approach - Phase II [https://www.gric-eoc.org/tribal health department covid-19 guidance final](https://www.gric-eoc.org/tribal_health_department_covid-19_guidance_final)
 - Organizations/Entities/Departments must follow Comprehensive Executive Order No. 14.
- Employees should contact their Supervisor/Manager/Director if you have any questions regarding your Department's, Entity's or Organization's plan.

Planning Ahead

- The Tribal Health Department, COVID-19 Taskforce and Leadership will continue to monitor the risk of COVID-19 transmissibility and make necessary adjustments if required.

